



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: "SELF-MASKING DEFECT	) Date: September 5, 2006
REMOVING METHOD"	)
	) Re: <i>Amendment and response</i>

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

The Applicant submits an amendment and reply pursuant to 37 CF.R. § 1.116 in response to the final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2006, a response to which is initially to be filed, without extension of time, no later than

**October 3, 2006.**

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.

**Proposed amendments to the Claims** are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.